

QUAY COUNTY PROHIBITIONISTS HOLD FIRST CONVENTION

The Prohibitionists of Quay County held their first County Convention last Saturday, which was well attended considering the fact that the party is just organizing in the County. Seventeen delegates took part, only three being present by proxy, and delegates came from various parts of the county.

The convention was called to order by Harry H. McElroy, who was thereupon selected as temporary chairman. Upon accepting the temporary chairmanship, Mr. McElroy addressed the convention relative to his purposes in becoming a party prohibitionist. He stated that prohibition represents to him the greatest issue before the American people. He said he had in the past supported men who were opposed to prohibition and parties opposed to this issue, but from this time, he would never again give his vote to a party or a candidate, regardless of his party, who is opposed to the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

The chairman then announced that it had always been the custom of the Prohibition Party to open all its conventions with an invocation, and called upon Rev. Maddox, who led the convention in an invocation which was very impressive.

The convention then entered upon its business, selecting John Whitmore as chairman and Rev. N. J. Reasoner, secretary.

The committees were appointed and after their deliberations, the chairman called upon Miss Sarah D. Ulmer of Hudson, New Mexico, as a special mark of appreciation of the great work being done by the women of the county for the prohibition cause, to read the National Platform of that party. The reading of the platform was perhaps the most interesting feature of the convention. Both the platform and the reader were heartily cheered. It has been generally conceded by the press that the platform for 1916 is the greatest platform that the party has ever written and that its leaders this year are among the great men of the Nation.

The platform declares for prohibition of the manufacture, importation, exportation, transportation and sale of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes; for woman suffrage; for a policy of peace and friendliness with all nations. It condemns the wasteful military program of the Democratic and Republican parties, and says: "We will not allow the country to forget that the first step toward physical, economic, moral and political preparedness is the enactment of National Prohibition." The prohibitionists declare for a non-partisan tariff commission, reciprocity, against the violation of the sovereignty of Mexico. The platform says: "The Democratic party has blundered and four years ago the Republican party evaded and passed on the problem it now asks the opportunity to solve." It declares for conservation of national resources, appeal from departmental decisions to the courts; uniform marriage and divorce laws and the suppression of the traffic in women and girls; one term of six years; public ownership of public utilities; social justice; initiative and referendum, and measures for development of the agricultural interests of the nation.

Hon. E. E. Winter addressed the convention in a short but very earnest and interesting talk.

The central committee was authorized to make additional endorsements or nominations to fill the ticket, to make endorsements of state candidates which the party in this county will support.

Officers of the Convention
Temp. Chrm.—Harry H. McElroy.
Sec.—E. W. Bowen.
Per. Chrm.—John E. Whitmore.
Per. Sec.—Norris J. Reasoner.

Permanent Organization
Harry H. McElroy, Co. Chairman.
John Whitmore, Co. Secretary.

Central Committee
J. E. Whitmore, E. E. Winter, Harry H. McElroy, N. J. Reasoner, A. L. Maddox, C. C. Brown, W. M. Gragg, O. O. Gragg, C. H. Rankin, E. W. Bowen, R. B. Thompson, J. A. Scott, G. M. Buckner, F. M. Scott, J. T. Crow and L. D. Stith.

Resolutions of Nomination Committee

We, the nominating committee, recommend the following persons for Prohibition candidates:
Senator—J. H. Bridges.
Representatives—Walter Moncus, Fred McFarland.

Commissioners, 1st Dist.—No Nom.
2nd Dist.—C. A. Curtis
3rd Dist.—L. D. Stith.

Sheriff—E. E. Winter.
Clerk—Thos. N. Lawson.
Assessor—No nomination.
Treasurer—E. Pack.
Probate Judge—J. G. Ellis.
Superintendent of Schools—J. A. Atkins.

In view of the fact that the laws of New Mexico do not permit a candidate

to accept a nomination from more than one party, we recommend that the above named candidates who have already been placed in nomination by other parties, be endorsed by the Prohibition Party, and that only candidates nominated by this party who have not already been placed in nomination by other parties, be formally nominated and such nominations certified to the County Clerk as required by law, to be placed on the Prohibition Ticket, and that the Chairman and Secretary be instructed to make the proper certificate of nomination of such candidates.

We recommend that the Central committee be empowered to make other nominations to complete the ticket or fill vacancies where necessary or advisable.

On account of the fact that it appears that all of the candidates for County Commissioner of the First District as nominated by the Republicans, Socialists and Democrats, are "dry" men, we make no recommendation.

Report of Resolutions Committee
We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Be It Resolved by the Prohibition Party of Quay County, New Mexico, in county convention assembled, this 19th day of August, 1916.

That we pledge our support to the National ticket of the Prohibition party, J. Frank Hanley for President, and Ira Landrith for vice president.

We heartily endorse the platform adopted by the National Prohibition Party.

We believe only in supporting men for public office in the Nation, State, and county, who are in favor of Prohibition; who are independent of the liquor support for their election and who are not under obligation to the liquor forces; and who are capable as well, by reason of their qualifications, of defeating opposing candidates standing for opposing principles. We do not believe in lending our support to a candidate simply because he is favorable to prohibition, unless he has also the qualifications to make him a good public servant, and to succeed.

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HIGDAY TAKES SALLEY'S PLACE AS WHEAT BUYER --IS PAYING \$1.39 TODAY

The cement work for the new elevator and the new office and scales are about completed. Mr. Higday will be the buyer here in place of I. R. Salley. He is one of our townsmen, having come here from Liberal several months ago. He will also run his oil business in connection with the buying of grain and the farmers can rest assured of fair treatment. He was paying \$1.35 during the past few days and today the wheat market took a very sudden rise Thursday evening and Mr. Higday is offering \$1.39 for Friday delivery. Seven loads have already been contracted for and will be here Friday. There is no telling what Higday would pay for wheat if he had the elevator ready for business.

I. R. Salley went to Liberal Saturday for a few days and perhaps will remain there. He is being relieved by Mr. Higday. Mr. Salley is one of the best wheat buyers in the west and as there was not much coming to Tucumcari at present it was thought best by himself to return to Kansas where competition is brisk and his services would be more valuable to the employers.

NEW PICTURE SHOW WILL OPEN IN TUCUMCARI SOON

Mr. Ernst, manager of the Masonic Opera House, reports the fact that his company is figuring on opening a picture show in that house about the first of the month. It will operate only three nights each week and nothing but special features will be shown from one of the foremost houses in the distributing business. Tucumcari already has one of the best picture shows in the west but it is thought that two places would do a paying business and make some money out of their investment. They have recently made extensive repairs on the opera house and expect to refit the inside in good shape. This will do away with the project of remodeling same and turning it into a garage, and will leave a fit place to hold political speakings this fall when the campaign really warms up.

JAMES-GIBSON

M. R. James, one of the popular employees at the depot, and Miss Beulah Gibson, former saleslady at Israel's, were married Saturday morning at the home of the bride on south second street the Rev. Geo. McAnally officiating. They left immediately in Mr. James' Buick for Las Vegas and Santa Fe. Word was received that the car was stuck in the mud near Cuervo and they were spending their honeymoon in that thriving little burg.

Mr. and Mrs. James will make their future home in Tucumcari and their many friends are waiting for them to return so that they can personally extend congratulations.

1ST ANNUAL COWBOY'S GENERAL ROUND-UP, OCTOBER 3, 4 AND 5

During the past week forty or fifty Quay county citizens, who are appointed on various committees, have been active in getting everything in readiness for the big roping and riding contests, to be staged in Tucumcari, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 3, 4, 5, under the caption of the "First Annual Cowboy's General Round-Up."

The Finance Committee has definitely announced that they have been so successful in getting money subscribed for the entertainment that they will offer \$2500 in cash prizes for the best ropers, bronco riders, etc.

The Program Committee is arranging the program and while they are not yet ready for definite announcements, state that they are providing for contests as follows:

Broncho riding.
Steer roping.
Calf branding.
Free for all race quarter mile.
Three hundred yard cow pony race.
Boys' pony race.
Ladies' race half mile.
Quick change novelty.
Chuck wagon race.
Potato race.
Relay quick change.
Range relay race.
Pack race.
Wild mule race.
Steer bulldozing.
Steer riding.

The Advertising Committee is planning an extensive program and it is expected that Tucumcari will have at least two thousand guests for the entertainment. A list will be compiled of parties who will have rooms to let during the show week, and it is probable that a corps of boys will be used to guide guests to lodging places.

The grounds are being arranged for the show and a twenty acre tract at the site of the present ball park will be fenced. A good race track will also be built, as well as additions to the grand stand and bleachers will also be added.

Owners of some of the best pitching horses of New Mexico have indicated their willingness to furnish their best horses, and expert ropers and riders are expected from all over this section of the state.

Applications have been made to the railroad companies for rates to Tucumcari from all points in New Mexico, as well as from Oklahoma City and points in Kansas. It is intended to make the round-up an annual affair and present indications point to a splendid success for the first year's program.

Adolph Vorenberg has returned to this city from Las Vegas where he went to attend the wedding of a relative last week.

Contractor Whitehall has returned home from McAlister, where he has just completed the erection of the new adobe school house, which is said to be one of the nicest in the county.

Mrs. Bannon, who received the most votes and thereby was presented with the fine gratiola at the Muirhead Variety store, asks the News to publicly thank those who assisted her in winning the contest.